

Fishing by District

Please remember Bull Trout are a protected species in Idaho. If caught, Bull Trout must be released immediately, unharmed back into the water!

Idaho Fish and Game – Stocking of fish schedule (<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/fish/stocking/>)

Cascade RD

Raft and Skein Lakes are popular locations for anglers on the hunt for several types of trout. From Forest Road 438 it's just a 1.5 mile walk to Skein Lake, and another quarter mile to Raft Lake. The lakes are located southwest of Cascade on West Mountain Road. From Cascade, travel south on Lakeshore Drive, then north on West Mountain Road to Forest Road 438.

Caton Lake is a good location for rainbow trout. Use the Caton Lake Trail to access the lake. From Cascade, take Warm Lake Highway about 33 miles, then go north on Forest Road 413 toward Yellow Pine and go another 9 miles. Turn west on Ditch Creek Road (410) and go 8 miles to the trailhead at the end of the road.

Warm Lake is a 400 acre lake that is stocked with rainbow trout and Kokanee salmon. Brook and lake trout as well as the must-release bull trout are also present. The north end of the lake is best for rainbow trout. The lake is complete with boat ramp and dock. There are no motor restrictions, however a County Ordinance restricts the use of ski boats and jet skis to the heat of the day, leaving the early morning and late evening hours open only for fishing boats. Anglers can choose to reserve a space for the night at one of three area campgrounds. From Cascade, travel east on Warm Lake Highway about 25 miles to reach the lake.

Johnson Creek is a major tributary to the South Fork Salmon River. The section from Landmark to Yellow Pine is used for fly-fishing, catch and release only. From Cascade, travel east about 33 miles to Landmark. Continue east another quarter mile from the end of the pavement to find Johnson Creek.

Emmett RD

Sage Hen Reservoir is extremely popular for fishing its native and stocked by the Idaho Fish and Game. Boat ramps are located at the Sage Hen Creek Campground and Antelope Campground. The reservoir is heavily used by non-motorized watercraft (i.e. canoes/ float tubes/kayaks). Motorized watercraft is allowed with a 15 mph speed limit restriction.

Emmett RD (conti)

The **Middle Fork Payette River** is a great place for those who like to drop a line from along the shoreline. Several species of trout are commonly caught, but mountain whitefish are also present. Access is via Forest Road 698 – all along the road and in the campgrounds adjacent to the Middle Fork River and 698.

On the **North Fork, South Fork and Main Payette Rivers** the rainbow trout stocked by Idaho Fish and Game are coveted by anglers. Access is via Highway 55 and the Banks-Lowman road (Highway 17). Boat launches for kayaks and whitewater rafts are located at Deadwood Campground, Danskin, and Deer Creek on the Banks-Lowman road, and at Banks Access and Beehive Bend on Highway 55.

Idaho City RD

The **headwaters of the North Fork Boise River** offer some of the best trout fishing in the area. Both the North and Middle Forks of the Boise River are heavily stocked by Idaho Fish and Game.

Crooked River (a tributary of the North Fork Boise River) features brook and rainbow trout for catching, but it's also just a beautiful roadless setting. The easiest way to access the river is via the Edna Creek Road (Forest Road 384) off Highway 21, northeast of Idaho City.

The 4-acre **Jennie Lake** is a popular hiking location as well as fishing. Whether you're fly fishing, bait casting or spinning, your chances of getting a bite here are good. The lake is stocked with cutthroat and rainbow trout. From Highway 21 in Idaho City, go east on Forest Road 384. Follow 384 for about 6 miles to the junction with Forest Road 348, which is just shy of the Willow Creek campground. Follow 348 for just over 7 miles. To the north is a small spur road. Take this and park at the Jennie Lake Trailhead.

Lowman RD

Deadwood Reservoir is a 3,000 acre body of water that is a popular location for multiple coveted species of fish. Idaho Fish and Game keeps the waters well-stocked with Chinook and Kokanee salmon and rainbow trout. Several other species, like mountain whitefish and several types of dace, are also present. There are boat ramps and no limitations on boat type, but there are no docks. The reservoir is located about 25 miles southeast of Cascade. You can get there via the Landmark-Stanley Road (555), but can be quite rough. Many visitors choose to take Forest Road 579 between Stanley and Lowman.

Lowman RD (conti)

Bull Trout Lake is a 100-acre lake in the South Fork Payette Basin that offers great fishing from shore or a non-motorized boat. There is a large campground that is shared with the smaller Martin Lake, which is also for non-motorized use. A couple kinds of trout and, in season, Chinook and Atlantic salmon and Kokanee can be found in the lake. From Lowman, take Highway 21 north past Grandjean and over Banner Summit. The turnoff to the lake is about a mile past the Summit and then another 2 miles off 21.

Martin Lake may be small, but those in search of rainbow trout find the 6-acre lake to be hugely popular. Located just a short distance from Bull Trout Lake, it's easy to go between the two if not successful at the first lake.

Mountain Home RD

The Mountain Home District has multiple lakes in the Trinity Mountain area that are perfect for casting a line or two! **Big and Little Trinity Lakes** as well as **Big and Little Roaring Lakes** provide easy access for non-motorized boats. All have adjacent campgrounds except for Little Trinity, which has a picnic area. All four are stocked by Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The Rainbow Basin also has multiple lakes coveted by fishing enthusiasts, including Big Rainbow Lake and Heart Lake.